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## Southend climbs GCSE table

SOUTHEND has been ranked 15th best borough in the UK for GCSE results.

The 'Attainment 8' scores are based on pupils' results across eight subjects, with English and Maths always included.

The results also show a rise in the old 'headline' measure of the number of pupils achieving five or more A\*-C GCSE grades, again includ-

ing English and maths.

The percentage of pupils in Southend-on-Sea achieving the latter climbed from 63.9 per cent in 2015 to 64.8 per cent this year.

A\*-C grades achieved in English and maths rose from 65.7 per cent in 2015 to 68.5 per cent in 2016. Results in the English Baccalaureate also went up.

Cllr James Courtenay,

executive councillor for children and learning, said: "I am delighted that the hard work of students and staff in all schools in Southend has been recognised in these latest [provisional] results.

"The results place us firmly in the top 25% or better among local authorities."

However, Cllr Courtenay stressed plenty of work was still needed in areas which

had not performed as well.

"We want all of our students to aim higher," he said. "We want to give them the best possible foundations for their journey into adulthood."

A council spokesman said this was the third year in a row that the results have improved in Southend, and that its national average position continued to rise.



PROUD Cllr James Courtenay celebrates Southend's continued rise in GCSE results

# A SIGN OF THE TIMES

## ► Leigh traders fume over lost trade due to gas works road diversion

TRADERS in Leigh have expressed their dismay at the location of gas works signage which they say is wrongly diverting traffic away from their shops.

The works have been taking place on The Fairway, with phase two closing the road from Moor Park Gardens towards the A127.

But traders on Eastwood Old Road have had to put out their own banners and posters to direct customers to their businesses.

Dave Flynn, who runs Dave's Hardware, said: "We

have put various banners and posters out to help people get to us.

"There was a sign halfway down The Fairway telling people to divert. It was totally wrong. Traffic could still come down to the shops."

Fay Barwell, from The Flower Stores, agreed: "Customers were saying they could not get down to us. I have paid £500 for banners and signs - all the customers have said that without the signs they would not have reached us."

Ms Barwell revealed that

business had "definitely" gone down during the works, and that she was in the process of seeking compensation from National Grid, who are carrying out the project.

A Southend Council spokesman said: "The signage strategy agreed with National Grid for the final phase ensured that we did not route too much traffic towards the two-way lights that were placed on The Fairway.

"We also ensured that non-residential traffic was divert-

ed to Bellhouse Lane.

"This was done to ensure that traffic on this route was kept to a minimum following the incident where a National Grid operative was hit and knocked over due to a driver ignoring road closure signage. This nearly led to the entire road being closed, but we realised the impact this would have on residents and businesses.

"We have worked hard with residents and businesses to keep access routes open and to minimise unnecessary road closures.

"The National Grid have been in constant contact with all businesses, with the assistance of the council, and have been made aware of each detail and the reasoning throughout."

A National Grid spokesman said: "The road signage and diversion of traffic for our essential gas mains replacement work on The Fairway has been agreed with the local highways authority to ensure smooth traffic flows around the whole area.

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MIXED SIGNALS Eastwood Old Road traders Fay Barwell, Robert Byford and Dave Flynn have had to shell out for signs to direct customers to their businesses

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# Nasser bowled over at graduation ceremony



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FORMER England and Essex cricket captain Nasser Hussain handed out degree awards at South Essex College's graduation ceremony last week.

The event for University Centre Southend and Thurrock took place at the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

Some 285 awards were presented to students, including 31 first class hon-

ours degrees.

Angela O'Donoghue CBE, principal and chief executive of the college, said many of the students were already working in their chosen industries.

Nasser said: "If I could give you one bit of advice it would be to make sure you enjoy what you have achieved - enjoy every single step of your journey."

"This degree scroll signifies a journey, in the same way the England cricket cap I handed to Jimmy Anderson and other players did. It signifies everything you've done so far - the sacrifices you've made. You took the difficult option and this is your reward."

"But this isn't even half the story - don't let it go to waste. Make sure you con-

tinue your journey. Keep trying to be the best you can be."

Mike O'Shea had more struggles to overcome than most, as he was diagnosed with cancer during the course of his degree.

Mike, 25, from Southend, found out he had a brain tumour during his first year. But after surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy, he

was able to return to his studies and graduated with a degree in criminology and forensic investigation.

"I have been told by the doctors that my cancer is incurable," said Mike. "But I have been in remission for three years now, and I have proved to myself that I can still achieve my goals."

"I hope this will encourage others to do so."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Southend stabbing 1

● POLICE are appealing for information after a man was stabbed in Southend. Officers were called to London Road at around 11.15pm on Sunday night after reports from the ambulance service that a man had been assaulted.

The victim was a man in his 30s, who taken injuries to his lower body which are not thought to be life-threatening.

Police believe the attack took place in Napier Avenue. The suspected attacker is described as a black male in his mid-20s, wearing a hooded top and jeans.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Essex Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via an online form at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

### Southend stabbing 2

● A HOMELESS sleeping in Southchurch Park was stabbed last Wednesday, October 20. Officers were called to the park at around 11.45pm and found the victim, in his 20s, who told them he had been asleep when he was woken up by a group of eight or nine people.

He was stabbed after trying to defend himself when one of the group hit him on the head. He suffered injuries to his buttock, lower back and face and was taken to hospital for treatment. His injuries are not life-threatening.

The victim said the group contained three females. If you have information, contact DC Shelley Utley on 101, or Crimestoppers (anonymously) on 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

### Never Forget choir

● SOUTHEND Choirs have been awarded a grant of £10,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. The project, Never Forget, is working with four schools across south Essex to create a piece of music that will be played at a concert in November. Never Forget explores the First World War and its impact on residents through poetry, literature, music, family history and creative writing. Go to: [southendchoirs.org.uk](http://southendchoirs.org.uk).

## Care team wins an industry ovation

A SOUTHEND social care service has been rated 'outstanding' following an inspection.

The Southend Therapy and Recovery Team (START), which provides rehabilitation to help people regain independence, was praised in a report from the Care Quality Commission following an inspection in July.

The report says: "The service was exceptionally well led by a team committed to innovation."

Inspectors said users expressed

"great satisfaction" about the service and that staff had "provided excellent care and support to enable them to do things for themselves and regain their independence as quickly as possible."

Lesley Salter, Southend Council's executive councillor for adult social care, said: "This is a report to be celebrated. It is not easy to achieve an 'outstanding' judgement, and it is especially heartening to read so many positive comments made by the people who use the service."



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## NEWS

# Worldly wise

Children at Edwards Hall primary in Leigh enjoyed a 'Globetrotters' theme day last week, learning about different cultures with cooking and musical activities



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Hola! Teachers Lyn Campbell and Matt Jellett (below) drum up enthusiasm for global rhythms and cuisine

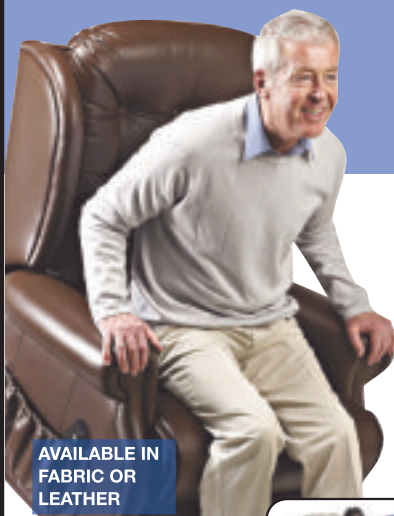


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# Brinn is a champion



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A FORMER Deanes School pupil who competed at this year's Olympic Games has been declared a Sporting Champion by the gym he trains at.

Gymnast Brinn Bevan, 19, originally from Southend, has been awarded the status by Basildon Sporting Village operator Everyone Active.

He is also being sponsored

by the gym. Mr Bevan was part of Team GB's men's gymnastics team which narrowly missed out on a medal at the Rio Olympics.

He trains at the Sporting Village up to six times a week.

Mr Bevan said he was "delighted" by the sponsorship award.

He said: "My parents first

got me into gymnastics as a child, to try and channel my energy. Since then I have dedicated myself to improving and competing at the highest level. I hope to continue to compete at all major events. The support from Everyone Active will help ensure I have access to all the right equipment and facilities to do this."

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# Force field

At the Essex Police Awards last Tuesday, the audience was moved by awe-inspiring stories of bravery and service from those who had gone above and beyond the call of duty. Here are some of the highlights of the awards, presented by Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh (above)

**The Bennett Trophy**

*Presented to an outstanding student officer*  
**WINNER:** PC Amye Rowham, Chelmsford Local Policing Team.

**Special Constable of the Year**

**WINNER:** Special Inspector Mark Fenton, Tendring, supervising a team of 22 Specials

**The Millard Trophy**

*Contribution to social services*  
**WINNER:** Sgt Allen BurrIDGE, Basildon Local Community Policing Team

**PCSO of the Year**

**WINNER:** PCSO Janis Nelson, Castle Point and Rochford Community Policing Team

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#### Police Officer of the Year

**WINNER:** DS Clayton Ford (POLIT)



#### Supporting Vulnerable People Award

**WINNER:** Sgt Janet Bloomfield



#### Team of the Year

**WINNER:** The Police OnLine Investigation Team (POLIT), (left) DS Ian Collins (right) DC Tony Miller



#### The George Cook Trophy

*Outstanding commitment to public service.*  
**WINNER:** DC Maria Pallett (left) George Cook



#### The Liam Briggshaw Award

*Outstanding commitment to Essex Police*  
**WINNER:** DS Dave Jones, Serious Collision Investigation Unit



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# Erin and Anton waltz into town

By Michael Cox

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DANCE stars Erin Boag and Anton Du Beke are bringing their latest show, Swing Time, to the Cliffs Pavilion in Southend.

The pair from BBC show Strictly Come Dancing, will be performing on two days at the Cliffs next March.

Erin told the *Yellow Advertiser*: "Southend is always a great audience, normally very loud and it is a beautiful theatre."

The show will see Anton and Erin

dance to classics such as I Could Have Danced All Night, I Got Rhythm and Moonance. Swing Time features a supporting cast including Strictly vocalist Lance Ellington, six ensemble dancers and the 25-piece London Concert Orchestra conducted by Richard Balcombe.

Erin said: "The title says it all. People think of us as a ballroom couple and we love that era of music."

It is their ninth tour now and the show will feature a popular Q and A section with the audience, which Erin said is "really fun".



STARS: Anton Du Beke with Erin Boag; Erin above, inset

She added: "It is a great part of the show and it is a great chance for people to get to know us."

Erin began dancing with Anton in 1997, a year after she moved to the UK. She describes their partnership as a "bit like a marriage".

She said: "We have a great time and it is nice to tour with someone you enjoy spending time with."

The New Zealand born star took part in 10 series of Strictly, partnering celebrities including Austin Healey and Colin Jackson.

Dancing with Anton in front of live

audiences is a "fantastic feeling", she admitted. "It is really, really good but you do have to keep your pace every single night," she added.

The tour begins in January after Anton finishes the latest series of Strictly. He was partnered in the show this year by actress Lesley Joseph.

For ticket details to see Anton and Erin's new show, Swing Time, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 8-9, visit [www.southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk), call the Cliffs Pavilion box office on 01702 351135 or visit [www.raymondgubbay.co.uk](http://www.raymondgubbay.co.uk).

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# Three rescued from pub after chimney fire

**BLAZE:** The Red Lion, Great Wakering, following the fire  
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## Essex County Fire & Rescue Service chimney safety advice

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year, or more frequently if you burn wood. Make sure it's swept before you light the first fire of the year.
- Don't stack fires too high and let them burn down before you go to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard.
- Don't place objects on or over the mantle-piece which cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Inspect your chimney regularly – particularly in the roof space – to ensure it is sound and that sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.
- Avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up fast. Suitable seasoned timber must be used in all solid fuel stoves.
- Buy only suitable fuels. Using the wrong type of fuel on a liner will reduce its life considerably due to increased corrosion.

TWO children and an adult were rescued by firefighters after a blaze at a pub in Great Wakering.

The fire destroyed the roof of the Red Lion pub in High Street in the early hours of Sunday.

Fire crews were called to the incident shortly after 4.35am, and when they arrived they reported that the roof and the first floor were alight.

Firefighters pitched a ladder to the first floor and rescued an adult and two children. The three suffered smoke inhalation and were left in the care of the ambulance service.

Incident Commander Martyn Hare said: "When

our crews arrived it was reported there was three people still in the building.

"Our firefighters immediately pitched a ladder to the first floor and helped one male adult and two children out of the window and down to safety.

"The building has suffered extensive fire and smoke damage. The fire investigation has revealed the cause of the fire was accidental.

"The fire appears to have started in the chimney which spread through the chimney void to the rest of the roof."



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**CHRISTMAS CRACKERS:** Healthcare assistants Laura Pelling, left, and Joshua Purkiss; charity trustee Malachy O'Sullivan MBE and paediatric outpatients manager Alison Davis

# Festive gift ideas at fair for hospital

A CHRISTMAS craft and gift fair is being held for Southend Hospital next month.

There will be handicrafts, jewellery, cards, toys among the items on offer.

Pottery experts The Clay Cottage will give children the chance to decorate some home-made gifts of their own, while there will be other children's crafts and games on the day.

Refreshments will be available as well as a raffle at the fair, which runs from 10.30am to 4pm at The Mill, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, on Sunday, November 6

Entry charge is £1.50 for adults and under-16s go free.

Elise Fleetwood, event manager, said: "The annual craft fair is always an extremely popular fixture in the run-up to Christmas and we are sure this year's will be no exception."

"There will be a wide array of handmade gifts produced by some highly talented local crafts people that will make perfect gifts and stocking fillers."

"We are hugely thankful to event organiser and charity trustee Malachy O'Sullivan for his ongoing commitment to this event and also local business Amos Estates for sponsoring the event."

All proceeds from the day will benefit the hospital's paediatric outpatients department.

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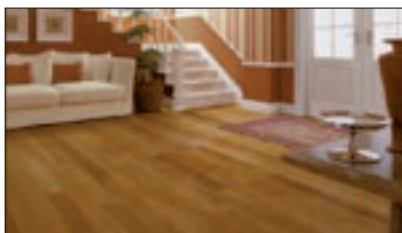
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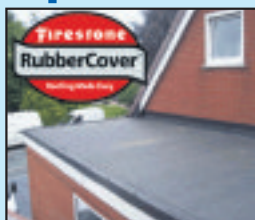
Patricio Vincent, 21, was last known to be living in Westcliff and is believed to still be within the local area.

He is also known as Jackson Soares Vincent.

He is black, 5ft 5in with short cropped hair.

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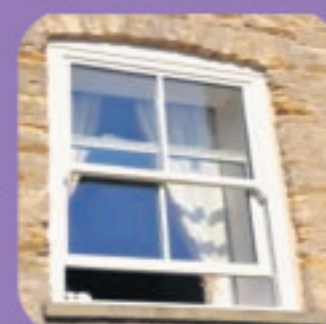
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# 'National Grid set to finish weeks ahead of schedule'

Continued from front page

"We are mindful of businesses who may be affected by the work and we apologise for any inconvenience.

"We try at all times to publicise that businesses remain open during our works - although access may be different while the work is ongoing."

The works are expected to be completed in the early part of November, with access to The Fairway from the A127 now re-opened in both direc-

tions. Reinstatement works will see periodic closures of access to The Fairway from the A127 up until Sunday, October 30 between 8pm and 6am. The outside lane of the A127 on the Southend-bound carriageway will also be closed until October 30.

Cllr Tony Cox, executive councillor for transport, said: "Whilst there has obviously been disruption caused, I have to commend National Grid for getting on with this major project

quickly, to such an extent that they look like they are going to finish nearly four weeks ahead of schedule.

"Businesses, the emergency services, and residents have been kept informed by National Grid throughout the process and we have also worked very hard with them to minimise disruption where we can, re-open routes when it has been possible and kept unnecessary closures to an absolute minimum."



**DISRUPTION:** Traders Fay Barwell, Robert Byford and Dave Flynn  
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## Always stay vigilant over hate crime

LAST week was National Hate Crime Awareness Week, a timely reminder that there are still some for whom diversity is anathema.

The by-line for last week was: Challenge It! Report It! Stop it!

Whilst I am pleased that last week helped to raise awareness of the issue, I want to remind everyone that hate crime is not acceptable at any time.

I would encourage everyone to be ever vigilant.

The summer saw a spike in hate crimes, somehow legitimised in some peoples' minds by the EU Referendum result.

I am hopeful that this rise is only short-term; to the victims it is devastating.

Southend should be a welcoming town. This is a tourist destination, and this means that we want visitors.

All who come here, whether on day-trips or to settle should be made welcome, and in the majority of instances they are.

However, there are those for whom the problems in their lives are caused by those who are foreign, disabled, of a different gender or sexual orientation, or have a different faith.

Hate comes in many shapes, and we have to challenge it whenever we encounter it.

I represent the most diverse ward in the borough, a happy ward that it is a joy to represent.

Yet, there has been the occasional instance of hatred.

One instance is one too many, and whenever I have it reported to me I then inform the police. Hate crime is not acceptable.

The overwhelming majority of residents and visitors to Milton ward rub along together quite amicably.

Society is all of us, pulling together.

Tolerance is one of the pillars that supports society.

Let's embrace our differences, rather than see them as a cause for hatred.

**Cllr Julian Ware-Lane**  
Labour, Milton ward

## Eye-opening experience of busy A&E

MY evening started with deterioration of my breathing.

At around 9.15pm on October 17, my daughter rang 911 emergency health line.

She explained my symptoms, a paramedic (Claire) arrived moments later. I was really struggling to breathe and beginning to panic. Claire (paramedic) calmed me and assessed the situation/administered a drip of paracetamol.

This worked in a few minutes and my breathing was under control.

She then mentioned that an ambulance could be as much as an hour or so and offered to drive me to A&E.

We arrived in 15 minutes and was checked in by Clare at

around 10.30pm.

As the paracetamol started to wear off I was back to desperately trying to breathe.

A&E was so busy there were no doctors available to treat me, so from 11.30pm until 1am, I spent that time in the corner on my hands and knees (to be comfortable) gasping for my life.

A paramedic on his way out of A&E came and got me to a side room. I was soon treated by a doctor, given more drugs, an X-ray and blood tests.

After having time to observe me I was admitted to Paradise alias Bedwell Ward. What wonderful staff.

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I had everything. I was comforted knowing I was in capable hands. Wow, what a ward.

I was diagnosed and discharged with a full complement of drugs.

I just wonder what could have happened in A&E.

**Michael Goodge**  
Eastwood

## Party funding and cost of democracy

THE vilification of Sir Philip Green is shared by almost all our people.

Without lessening the much discussed criticism of him it must be accepted that the

greed of a minority at the cost of the majority is a global problem.

The sucking out from economies the means of exchange, currencies being no longer current, has resulted not only in an escalating downturn in growth, but the diminution of public services, our NHS being the most worrying.

Our national debt exceeds £1.6trillion (eleven noughts) and 80 per cent of this figure is provided by UK organisations and citizens.

Those who used to satisfy government expenditure by way of taxation now lend to the government at a rate of interest.

This group has, by the activities of their lobbyists, almost total control of our politicians of all parties through party funding at the cost of democracy.

The need for leading politicians to accept the intrusion into government by lobbyists can be seen in Paddy Ashdown's aborted attempt to cosy up to Tony Blair in 1997 and Nick Clegg's prostitution

of Liberal party policies in coalition in 2010, both to ensure that their favoured funders had an influence in government.

This is a cancer that must be cut out before our democracy is totally destroyed.

**Les Harrington**  
Benfleet

## Touched by the kindness of strangers

OVER the past few years the constant barrage in the media of the atrocities people commit throughout the world, with nation against nation, has made me become very cynical towards the whole human race.

However, on Friday morning, in Shaftsbury Avenue, Southend, I collapsed in agony while out walking my dog.

The compassion shown by people has given me hope.

I especially wish to thank Frank, who is something to do with the scouts.

He stayed with me while I

laid on the pavement for three hours and must be an angel.

Without him I honestly feel I may not have made it.

I also have eternal gratitude, to Amy and Sue, the lady who took in and looked after my dog, Elvis, the neighbours who came out with blankets and stayed with me, the many others who stopped to offer help and the ambulance crew who showed such kindness and understanding.

If I crawled around the world and said thank you at every step it would still not be enough to display my gratitude to these fine people.

It is the ordinary people, not the wealthy and powerful, who have it in their jurisdiction to make the difference for the better in this world.

The Lord Buddha says that the smallest act of kindness makes the whole world a better place, I now know how true this statement is.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

**David B Marshall**  
Southend

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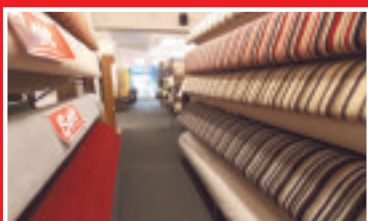


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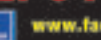
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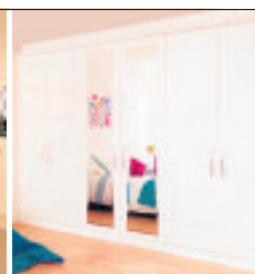
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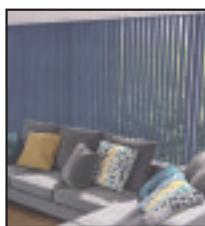
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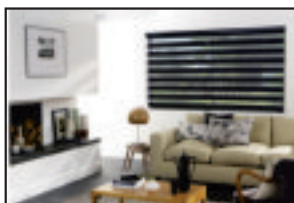
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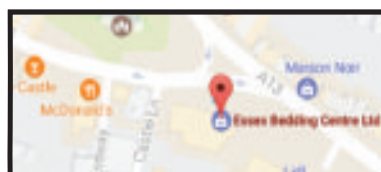
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## VICTOR'S MONSTER PROJECT

By Liz Wade

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It has been 200 years since the creation of Frankenstein and to mark the anniversary, Blackeyed Theatre is touring with a new stage adaption of Mary Shelley's gothic horror masterpiece.

The five-month UK tour, which hit the road in September, includes unmissable appearances at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon, on Monday, October 31, and Tuesday, November 1.

Adapted by John Ginman, Frankenstein features a 6ft 4in Bunraku-style puppet to portray The Creature, which has been designed and built by Yvonne Stone. Yvonne, an independent puppet designer, maker and performer based in London, has worked on many film, TV and theatre productions including War Horse and His Dark Materials.

Fusing bold ensemble storytelling, live music, puppetry and stunning theatricality the production, which is presented in association with South Hill Park, has created a fresh telling of a landmark work of literature.

In Geneva in 1816, Victor Frankenstein obsesses in his pursuit of nature's secret, the elixir of

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Adapted by John Ginman, who penned Blackeyed Theatre's hugely successful 2013 production of Dracula, this world premiere gives an exciting new dimension to the retelling of the classic story, thanks to its towering puppet that needs up to three people to manipulate it.

Director Eliot Giuralarocca said: "I'm really excited to be directing Frankenstein. It's a taut, gripping thriller, an exciting gothic fairy tale for grown-ups and a morality play all rolled into one."

"It's always a daunting challenge to attempt to breathe new life into a classic, but with a wonderful ensemble cast and a fusion of bold storytelling, music, sound and Bunraku-style puppetry, I'm hoping we can bring Mary Shelley's gothic fairytale kicking and screaming into life."

Ginman added: "Working on this has left me full of admiration for the achievement of the novice writer, who responded to the challenge of inventing a ghost story 'to curdle the blood, and quicken the beatings of the heart'."

"This version seeks to provoke thought and discussion around

many key issues that have renewed significance for us today including the ethics of genetic experimentation, and the causes of violent behaviour in some marginalised social groups."

Shelley, who was born in London in 1797, began writing her novel, Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus, when she was just 18.

In 1816, having married poet, Percy Bysshe Shelley, she found herself in Switzerland with her husband, stepsister Clara Mary Jane Clairmont, Lord Byron and Byron's physician, John Polidori.

The group entertained themselves one rainy day by reading ghost stories and Byron suggested they should try writing their own horror story.

Shelley dreamt about a scientist who created life and was horrified by what he had made. She then began work on what would become her most famous novel, which tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a grotesque creature in a scientific experiment.

In this adaption of her classic tale Ben Warwick, stars as Victor Frankenstein.



**HORROR TALE:** Max Gallagher (Henry Clerval), left, Ben Warwick (Victor Frankenstein) and Lara Cowin (Elizabeth Lavenza)

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His recent theatre credits include Rochester in *Jane Eyre* and the lead in *The Trench*, while feature films include *Blood Moon* and *War Game*. He has appeared on television in the BBC's *Mary Queen of Scots* and *Emmerdale* on ITV.

Lara Cowin, who has appeared in productions including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and Ben and Holly's *Little Kingdom*, plays Elizabeth Lavenza.

Max Gallagher plays Henry Clerval. His theatre credits include *Centipede* and *Aunt Spiker in James and the Giant Peach*, Hinley in *Wuthering Heights the Musical*, and *Knave of Hearts* in *Alice in Wonderland*.

They are joined by Ashley Sean-Cook as Robert Walton and Louis Labovitch as the voice of *The Creature*.

For further information and tickets to see *Frankenstein* call the theatre's box office on 01268 465465 or visit [www.towngatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.towngatetheatre.co.uk) and [www.blackeyedtheatre.co.uk](http://www.blackeyedtheatre.co.uk).

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**MAGIC: Doctor Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch)**  
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Capping off this year with a blitzkrieg of digital effects wizardry is the superhero fantasy *Doctor Strange*, directed by Scott Derrickson (*Sinister*).

Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) is a brilliant and somewhat arrogant neurosurgeon, with a seemingly perfect life and a burgeoning romance with fellow medic, Christine Palmer (Rachel McAdams).

Years of meticulous study are thrown into disarray when Strange is involved in a terrible car accident that robs him of the use of his hands. Cast adrift from the world of medicine, Strange searches for answers to his plight in the world of spirituality and he encounters an enigmatic Celtic shaman called The Ancient One (Tilda Swinton), leader of a covert group, which harnesses the mystic arts to shape reality.

Two of these masters, Karl Mordo (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and Wong (Benedict Wong), take Strange under their wing and spearhead his accelerated training so he can unlock his hidden potential to travel long distances in the blink of an eye or slip between parallel realities.

As his confidence grows, Strange learns about a former master, Kaecilius (Mads Mikkelsen), who strayed from the path of righteousness and now uses his powers for destruction and evil.

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## Friday, October 28

- Leigh Floral Group – St Saviour's Church Hall, Kings Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LL. 7.30pm. Entry £5. Details Jan 01702 522100.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk).
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm. Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Beginners tel chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2. 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
- Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am. 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.
- Table Tennis – St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoeburyness, 2-4pm. 01702 343462.
- Modern Sequence Tea Dance – St James's Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 343462.
- Rochford Deaneery choir singing The Faure Requiem – St Andrew's Parish Church, Hall Road Rochford, SS4 1NW.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The

## Saturday, October 29

- Rochford Deaneery choir singing The Faure Requiem – St Andrew's Parish Church, Hall Road Rochford, SS4 1NW.
- Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.
- Games Club – St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummy, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet – Ian Thompson,

Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.

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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Haeleigh old fire station, Haeleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

## Sunday, October 30

- Sunday School – The Ark, Haeleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ. 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Durdonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
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- saxophone, Chris English keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Dance class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tel chi: 10.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2. 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
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- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryers Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
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- Activity Session for adults with special needs – 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, [join@basildonplayers.co.uk](mailto:join@basildonplayers.co.uk).
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
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- Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, 01268 465854.
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- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Haeleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street, SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billerica Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

## Tuesday, November 1

- Lunchtime Recorded Music – Meeting Room, Beecroft Art Gallery, (Old Library Building), Southend, SS2 6EX. Free, 12.45pm-1.45pm.
- Computer help session – Billerica Library, 10.30am to noon. Free. 01277 624624.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, [enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk).
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
- Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
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A programme of tribute nights, family fun days and other events are on offer at The Lodge on top of karaoke nights on Sunday, Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday, and Friday bands with free entry. Future appearances include Total 80s on October 28; East of Java on November 11; Wayward Sons on November 25; Larry and the Streamers on December 2; Freefall on December 9; Streetlife on December 16; and Beagles on December 23.

Pie and Pasta Nights on Wednesdays are from 5-9pm with a choice of pasta or homemade pie for £6.95 including a pint of beer or a standard glass of wine, and Fish Fridays every Friday from noon to pm, with homemade beer-battered cod with chips and peas, as well as a pint or a standard glass of wine, for £8.95.

The Lodge is taking bookings for Christmas and will serve a Festive Menu from November 25 to December 23, from £11.95, as well as a Christmas Day Menu. Festive entertainment includes fantastic Tribute Nights on Thursdays throughout December including a festive meal. Evenings include Tony Vegas singing the Rat Pack on December 1; Martin Jarvis as Tom Jones on December 8; and Pat Byrne as Elvis on December 15.

For further information about The Lodge, which also runs a loyalty card scheme, or to make a booking call 01245 320060 or visit www.lodge-inn.net.

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Up-and-coming evenings, which cost £22.95 per person, include Shane Hampshire as Michael Buble on Friday, November 18. Vocalists include Alex Stassi on Saturday, December 3; Miss Morgan on Wednesday, December 7; Idreiss on Friday, December 9; Sarah O'Shea on Saturday, December 10; Julia West on Friday, December 16; and Keeley Smith on Saturday,

December 17. During December there is entertainment from vocalist Sly Fox on Wednesday, December 21, for £23.95 per person; Boxing Day evening entertainment with Matthew Winchester as Luther Vandross on Monday, December 26, for £22.95 per person; and Party Time with Kirsty Sweeney on New Year's Eve for £34.95 per person.

The restaurant has a new "eat as much as you can" menu, with an opening offer of £12.95 per person from Sunday to Thursday, and £15.95 per person on Friday and Saturday (excluding tribute nights).

Throughout the year diners are invited to party at the Blue Chutney thanks to its drinks promotion every Wednesday and Friday evenings.

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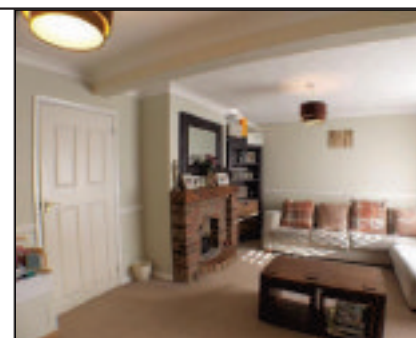
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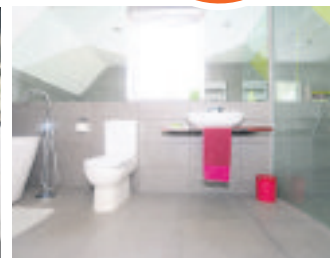
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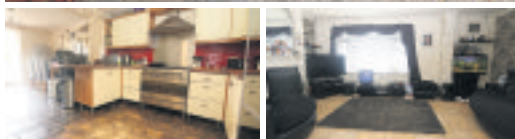


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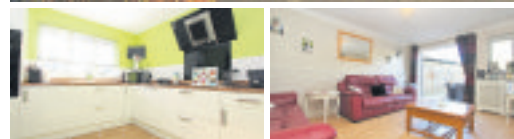


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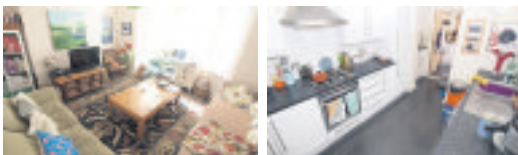
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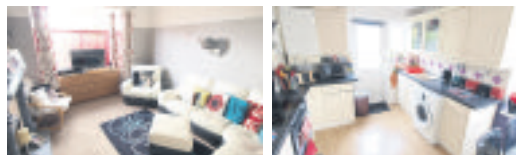


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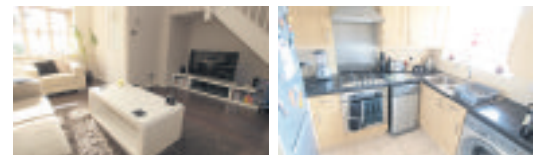


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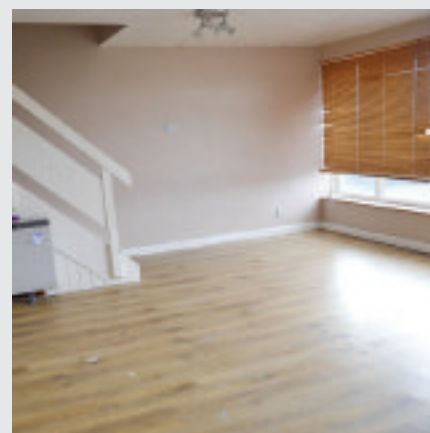
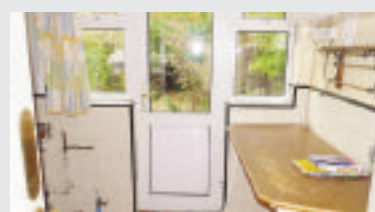
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## Westcliff On Sea £300,000



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this attractive three bedroom end of terrace house situated within a sought after location of Westcliff close to Chalkwell Park and local schools. The property benefits from west backing rear garden along with attractive block paved off street parking. Full double glazing and gas central heating.

## Southend On Sea £825 pcm



BRAND NEW APARTMENT, being situated on the second floor offering spacious accommodation. Open plan lounge and kitchen incorporating fitted kitchen with four ring integrated gas hob with oven and grill under, plumbing and recess for washing machine and upright fridge/freezer, two double bedrooms, bathroom/wc comprising panelled bath with mixer tap and shower attachment, further independent shower over pedestal wash hand basin, close coupled wc. Stairs and lifts to all floors, personal storage cupboard within communal area. Allocated off street parking for two vehicles. No housing benefit. No pets. No smokers

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The group continues to outperform the market with sales in 2016 ahead of last year at 2,409, barely affected by the more difficult trading conditions that some commentators suggest.

Director of Auction House Essex, Andrew Stallard said: "Taking 2016 as a whole, Auction House has offered more and sold more, with a higher success rate and an increased total raised than by this time last year. So despite a slower summer in the sector, we seem to be riding the storm."

"As we approach the winter, more sellers are turning to the speed and certainty of auction to sell properties rather than see them suffer from the cold and wet weather that will soon be upon us. We are currently taking entries for our November and December auctions which will represent the very last chance to get properties sold, exchanged and completed this calendar year - before the forecasted severe weather arrives."

Andrew says that the uncertainty in the air over Brexit and economic change around the corner means that many investors are reviewing their plans and portfolios.

He explained: "For some, the decision will be to divest and we all know that this is best done before winter sets in; for others the decision will be to buy more properties with strong yield potential. For those looking to acquire property, the best source of stock is via auction - not only is it a simpler, faster and more certain route to purchase, but there are also bargain opportunities out there."

"One other noticeable and welcome sight in

auction rooms is the growing number of buyers purchasing properties for their own occupation. This includes first time buyers and families who, with the assistance of the auctioneer, can now obtain a speedy mortgage offer and be in a position to bid.

"Auctions have always been an alternative route suitable for sellers; it has now become an easier pathway for purchasers too. Auctions are certainly moving into the mainstream and those house buyers looking to purchase properties for improvement should be focused on auction stock rather than being reliant upon estate agents."

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By Peter Keenan

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Combined with a recent facelift, designed to help combat the challenge from Jaguar, Mercedes and Audi, it is a perfect package.

The sixth generation of the rear-wheel drive compact executive family car was launched in 2012, with the revamp occurring last year.

The exterior and interior changes are minor tweaks rather than major redesigns with alterations to bonnet, lamp clusters and bodywork giving the car a dynamic look that also manages to be easy on the eye.

The cabin has a wraparound dashboard featuring digital displays and a big centre console screen. Everything oozes quality with an excellent fit and finish the norm.

But the real work has taken place out of sight to make the suspension more supple and the electronic power steering sharper, while updated engines include the excellent 2.0-litre diesel beast under the bonnet of my test motor.

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EYE CANDY: BMW 320d ED Sport saloon auto

other oil burners are also available. It all adds up to an exquisite driving experience with the top-notch eight-speed automatic transmission providing seamless gear changes while the rear-wheel drive layout gives oodles of grip.

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A multi-mode drive function helps you set the car up to suit – whether you want sport, comfort or economy.

The price-tag for the 320d ED Sport is not cheap, but is well worth the expense although you have to be careful if ordering off the options menu as tempting head up displays and surround view cameras don't come cheap.

The ED Sport specification includes 17-inch alloy wheels as well as business satnav technology, multi-function sports

steering wheel, natty trim finishes, Dakota leather upholstery and heated sports front seats. Automatic lights and windscreen wipers, as well as parking sensors and rear-view camera, are also included.

In addition to this eco-friendly model, there are five other trim levels to choose from with the entry-level SE motor leading eventually to the range-topping Luxury and M Sport.

The saloon model offers 480 litres of boot space – more than enough for the family's weekly supermarket shop – with the square opening allowing large items to be loaded easily.

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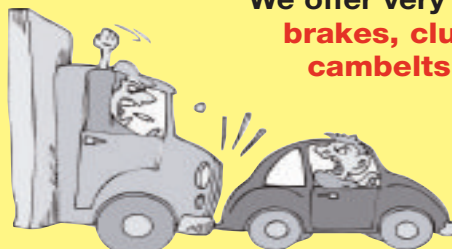
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In an excellent all-round team performance, keeper Mark Oxley was outstanding.

Adam Thompson did well to deny Dean Bowditch straight from the kick-off. But from Oxley's clearance the Shrimpers won a corner – taken by Wordsworth – and with less than two minutes gone Cox turned on a sixpence and netted from the acutest of angles.

Ryan Colclough broke free down the right and his cross-shot had to be watched by Oxley as it hit the back stanchion. MK went closer from a 14th minute Ben Reeves' corner, with Oxley fully extended to make a super double save from a Joe Walsh header and Bowditch's rebound.

Dons continued to pile on the pressure and had penalty shouts against Anton Ferdinand waved

aside before Bowditch went close again.

Somewhat against the run of play the lively Wordsworth doubled Southend's lead with a superb finish from 12 yards after Cox turned provider and a Will Atkinson dummy fooled a flat-footed MK defence.

Having been twice too easily beaten, David Martin – son of former Southend boss Alvin – did well to block Ryan Leonard's speculative 32nd minute long-range piledriver, after the Dons failed to clear Wordsworth's initial set piece.

MK then edged closer and following a 35th minute Ferdinand foul, Reeves curled an 18-yard free-kick around the Shrimpers' wall, but wide of a diving Oxley's upright.

A minute later Bowditch was clean through and beat the Blues' gloveman to the loose ball, but the touch was too heavy and his effort trickled wide. Dons kept peppering away at the Blues' goal after the turnaround and another curling Reeves free-kick looked to be heading home but bounced tamely wide.

On their first sortie into enemy territory after the break, Will Atkinson was too casual with his 48th minute close-

range side-footer, allowing Martin to make a comfortable save, before an almost anonymous Nile Ranger headed a Leonard throw narrowly wide.

A minute later, Reeves, who seemed to be increasingly running the show for the lacklustre Dons, forced Oxley into a sprawling save, before Samir Carruthers flashed a ball across the Southend six-yard box but no one could manage a touch.

Due to heavy MK pressure, Southend were limited to breakaways, but were unlucky not to grab a third after Reeves's flag-kick was cleared into Stephen McLaughlin's path and after a 60-yard run it was Daniel Powell who spared his team-mates' blushes with a fine, sliding block.

Oxley continued to be the busier of the two keepers, as Dons tried in vain to reduce the deficit, before Wordsworth ended any hopes of a late comeback with a sublime stoppage time finish. That was after Martin was lucky to see only yellow for a foul on late sub Fortune, who was clearly the last man after Leonard headed back the keeper's poor free-kick.

But Southend's top scorer ensured justice was done by netting the ensuing free-kick.

Southend boss Phil Brown praised Oxley, saying: "He put in a man-of-the-match performance, especially with his double save when we were one-nil up. It's nice to turn things around, especially after the doom and gloom of defeats at Scunthorpe, Northampton and Rochdale. But it's all about fitness levels – and players like Ranger, Cox and Ferdinand all moving to the area. When you have inherited players who haven't had a pre-season, then it

can take a month to bring players up to speed.

"That's seven points out of nine in a week, together with two clean sheets. I have no complaints about any of the performances, although I thought we should have won at Bradford during the week.

"I did also say [at Bradford] that if the strikers start scoring, then we will win games, like today. I am still not looking at the league table, though, but I am obviously aware of what people are saying. I have been saying long enough that it was time to take the handbrake off, and I hope the travelling fans will now go and spread the word and hope we have a good turnout on Saturday against Shrewsbury Town."

Oxley said: "We've now got a bit of momentum and everyone is singing from the same hymn sheet. But it was only a matter of time that we would turn things around, but we've got a group of players willing to put things right – but we must keep this run going."

Dons' boss Karl Robinson, who lost his job after the game, said: "I feel let down by certain players, who are either mentally or physically too weak. And, it showed today that everyone's frustrated and we're in a low place."

**MK Dons:** David Martin, George B Williams, Jack Hendry (Ed Upson 67), Paul Downing, Joe Walsh, Daniel Powell (Brandon Thomas-Asante 68), Samir Carruthers, Darren Potter (captain), Ben Reeves, Ryan Colclough, Dean Bowditch.

**Southend United:** Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, Adam Thompson, Anton Ferdinand, Ben Coker, Will Atkinson, Ryan Leonard, Anthony Wordsworth, Stephen McLaughlin, Simon Cox (Jermaine McGiashan 79), Nile Ranger (Marc-Antoine Fortune 84).

**Referee:** Charles Breakspeare  
**Assistants:** Joe Clark and Mark Griffiths  
**Attendance:** 11,039.

## Non-league round-up

### Concord's supersonic high five over Margate

By Brian Jeeves

CONCORD Rangers continued their climb away from the foot of the National League South table with an emphatic 5-1 away victory over Margate.

Steve Cawley grabbed an impressive hat-trick, while Jordan Chiedozie and Audrius Laucys also got in on the act as the Beach Boys recorded their biggest victory of the season.

Concord are now third from bottom, and within touching distance of Weston-super-Mare, who are just two points better off, outside the drop zone.

East Thurrock United remain in eighth after a 1-1 draw with Ebbsfleet United at Rookery Hill. Stuart Lewis gave the visitors an early lead, but former Southend United man, Kane Ferdinand, levelled the score for the Rocks before half-time.

There was an incredible game at the Melbourne Stadium, where Chelmsford City stretched their unbeaten sequence to ten games after the Clarets fought back from 3-0 down to earn a point against Hemel Hempstead Town.

Matt Saunders (2) and James Potton fired the visitors into a seemingly unassailable lead, but a Shaun Jeffers' double, with one from the penalty spot, and an own goal levelled the score.

City thought they had all three points when Shamir Mullings put them ahead with a little over 12 minutes left. But Hemel grabbed a point with Jordan Parkes' stoppage time penalty.

Promotion chasing Dagenham & Redbridge were denied three priceless National League points after Chris Holroyd grabbed a last-minute equaliser for Macclesfield Town at Victoria Road. Earlier, Fejiri Okenabirhie gave the Daggers the lead. The east Londoners remain second in the table, four points behind leaders Forest Green Rovers.

However, Braintree Town's difficult campaign continued. The Iron remain entrenched in the relegation zone after crashing to a 6-1 defeat at Dover. Sam Matthews had given Braintree a 12th minute lead at the Crabble Stadium.

In the Ryman League Premier Division, Ricky Sappleton was Billericay Town's goalscorer in a 1-1 draw at Merstham.

But it was another disappointing afternoon for bottom of the table Grays Athletic, who went down 2-1 at Mill Field to Leatherhead; Nathan Campbell with the Grays goal shortly before the break. And it was even worse for Canvey Island, who continue to slide down the table, losing 5-1 to Enfield Town at Park Lane. George Sykes gave the Gulls an early lead. The hosts' misery was compounded by the dismissal of Taysan Hayden-Smith. Aaron Condon hit a hat-trick as Brightlingsea Regent hit back to win their Ryman League Division One North clash with Thamesmead Town 4-3. Jake Turner was also on target for the north Essex outfit. Evergreen striker Neil Richmond bagged both goals as Tilbury were 2-1 winners at Norwich United, while a first half goal from Jordan Peart was enough for Aveley to take the points at Bowers & Pitsea.

AFC Hornchurch comfortably saw off Great Wakering Rovers 3-0 at Bridge Avenue. Ross Wall (2) and Leon McKenzie found the net for the hosts against a Rovers side starting life without manager, Gary Ansell, who resigned his post late last week. Meanwhile, Nathan Koranteng (penalty) and Tim Monsheju were on target as Witham Town beat Romford 2-0. Waltham Abbey had Darelle Russell (2) and Billy Holland to thank as they beat struggling Wroxham.

Thurrock and Maldon & Tiptree battled out a tense goalless draw at Ship Lane, while Haringey Borough picked up a point in a 1-1 result at Cheshunt thanks to Dean Fenton's goal.

But it was a bad day for Brentwood Town, who slipped to a 2-0 defeat at Ware, and Heybridge Swifts, who crashed to a 4-1 home defeat at the hands of Soham Town Rangers, this after Jack Barham had fired Swifts into a first half lead.

Basildon United made FA Vase progress, seeing off Crawley Green by the odd goal in three in their first round proper tie.

But Ilford went down 3-2 at St Margaretsbury, Gorleston were 2-0 winners over Barking and Waltham Forest went out, losing 2-1 to Rothwell Corinthians.

In the Essex Senior League, FC Romania thrashed Hullbridge Sports 6-0 at Lower Road. Southend Manor beat Enfield 1893 2-0 at Southchurch Park Arena, while West Essex won by the same score at Sawbridgeworth Town. Stansted picked up maximum points on their travels, beating Takeley by a single goal at Station Road.

In the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League Premier Division, Ramblers won 3-1 at Harold Hill. Dave Collins scored the only goal as Catholic United ended Basildon Town's one hundred percent Division One record. Old Chelmsfordians had their shooting boots on, beating Newham United 8-1.

In Division Two, Upminster were 4-2 winners over Rochford Town, and Shoebury Town produced the eye-catching result of the day in Division Three, thumping Leytonstone 8-0.

## Young gymnasts' success

SOUTH ESSEX Gymnastics Club sent five gymnasts to compete at the Quatro Cup competition in Wiltshire and all came away with medals and rosettes.

Sienna Goodwin was Level 4 champion with a score of 51.350. Paige Moroney won the Level 3 gold medal with a score of 52.130. Ellie Petriou was just behind to claim silver with 52.000 and club-mate Violet Manser competed well in this section. Ellie, Paige and Violet's overall scores were added together for a runners-up place in the Level 3 team competition.

At Level 2, Ellie Gargett claimed an impressive silver with a total score of 50.077. Both Violet and Ellie Gargett also won a rosette for the attractive design of their display numbers.



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